

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 11-23 are pending in the application.

The independent claims have been amended to recite a feature of claim 10 as well as other features. The amendments are supported by claim 10, Figure 6 and the associated text, and page 8, line 5. The claimed features provide for precise placement of the haemostatic material in the incision canal to reduce secondary bleeding into the incision canal while at the same time minimizing the chance that the haemostatic material will reach a portion of the body (for example, inside a blood vessel) that should not be exposed to haemostatic material.

Claim 10 was rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Akerfeldt in view of Torgerson. The cited prior art clearly does not disclose or suggest an elongated member which comprises threads not having haemostatic material surrounding a haemostatic core in the form of a separate elongated capsule.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the present claims are patentable over the art of record.

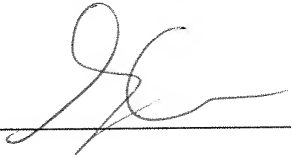
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith,

Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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